Introduced by Senator McPherson

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 6950 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to invasive species.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 925, as introduced, McPherson. Invasive species.

Existing law establishes the Interagency Aquatic Invasive Species Council. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the council, and using existing funds and current personnel of the Department of Fish and Game, to support and coordinate the development of a comprehensive plan for dealing with aquatic invasive species in California. Existing law defines an invasive species as a species, including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological materials capable of propagating that species, that is not native to the ecosystem, and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that definition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6950 of the Fish and Game Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 6950. "Invasive species" for the purposes of this chapter,
- 4 means a species, including, but not limited to, its seeds, eggs,
- 5 spores, or other biological materials capable of propagating that

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- 1 species, that is not native to the ecosystem, and whose introduction
- 2 causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or
- 3 harm to human health. Nothing in this definition may be construed
- 4 to include those agricultural crops generally recognized by the
- 5 Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of
- 6 Agriculture as suitable to be grown in the state.